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Identical letters dated 23 May 2016 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith a statistical summary of Israeli violations of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) committed during the month of April 2016 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex issued as a document of the seventieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 37, and of the Security Council.

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Land violations

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
6 April 2016	0855	Opposite the town of Blida near point BP28, as an Israeli enemy patrol comprising four vehicles was passing, its soldiers threw a smoke bomb from opposite the above-mentioned point. The smoke bomb landed inside occupied territory.
9 April 2016	2320 2330	Inside the occupied Shab'a Farms, the Israeli enemy fired two flares over its Radar position.
10 April 2016	2315 2325	Three explosions were heard from inside the occupied Shab'a Farms.
16 April 2016	0242	From inside occupied territory near the Israeli enemy position opposite the town of Ramiya, two enemy Humvee vehicles approached. The passengers deliberately directed searchlights 20 metres into Lebanese territory for seven minutes.
17 April 2016	0225	Inside occupied territory, as an Israeli enemy Humvee vehicle was moving from its position in Birkat Risha to its position north of the Zar'it barracks, the passengers deliberately directed a searchlight 20 metres into Lebanese territory for 12 minutes.
23 April 2016	1510	An Israeli enemy Hummer vehicle mounted with surveillance cameras approached from inside the occupied town of Ghajar to an emplacement opposite the Lebanese Army Tallat al-Wazzani position. The vehicle pointed a camera at Lebanese territory.
25 April 2016	1320	From inside occupied Palestinian territory at point TP36 opposite the town of Udaysah, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising a Hummer vehicle and two Defender vehicles approached, and 15 soldiers disembarked, carrying maps. They photographed Lebanese territory and the Hummer vehicle pointed a 12.7 mm machine gun at Lebanese territory. The vehicles and soldiers left in the direction of occupied territory at 1350 hours.
26 April 2016	1000	From inside occupied Palestinian territory at the enemy Ruwaysah position opposite the town of Mays al-Jabal, the Israeli enemy stationed a Raccoon Stalker vehicle with its surveillance camera pointed at Lebanese territory. The vehicle left in the direction of occupied territory at 1020 hours on 28 April 2016.
27 April 2016	0900	Opposite the town of Mays al-Jabal, some 23 Israeli Army enemy soldiers and a dog crossed the technical fence opposite point B64. They searched the area between that point and point B65. They then violated the Blue Line at point B64 by some 10 metres for five minutes, covered by a Merkava tank stationed inside occupied territory. At 1110 hours, they threw two smoke bombs opposite point B64. The smoke bombs landed between the technical fence and the Blue Line. They left opposite point B64 at 1115 hours.
	1345	On the outskirts of the town of Shab'a in the Shahl area, opposite observation point OP2 of the Indian contingent of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), an Israeli enemy foot patrol tried unsuccessfully to abduct the herder Mahir Hamdan, who fled with his livestock in the direction of the town of Shab'a.

Sea violations

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
6 April	1208	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) of 1 October 2011, proceeding some 500 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a 22-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1210	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 500 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a 20-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1250	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 555 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a 20-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1250	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 555 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a one-hour-and-15-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
10 April	1754	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 129 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a two-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
12 April	1845	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 185 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a one-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
15 April	0353	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 314 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a 10-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1904	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 370 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a four-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
16 April	1913	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 203 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a two-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
17 April 2016	0333	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 280 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a five-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
20 April 2016	1747	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 150 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a two-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	2200	From inside occupied Palestinian territory at its position opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters for 30 seconds.
24 April 2016	2120 2125	From inside occupied Palestinian territory at its position off Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters for two periods of 30 seconds and one minute, respectively.
25 April 2016	1812	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011), proceeding some 277 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a three-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	2005 2117	From inside occupied Palestinian territory at its position opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters for four periods of one minute, three minutes, 90 seconds and one minute, respectively.
	2014	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 408 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a five-minute period. It released two explosive charges into Lebanese territorial waters before leaving in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
26 April 2016	1819	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 174 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a one-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
27 April 2016	1918	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 240 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a seven-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
28 April 2016	1815	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 260 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a three-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
29 April 2016	1817	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 180 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a two-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
30 April 2016	0225	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 222 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a two-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.

Air violations

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
1 April 2016	0705	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South and Beirut and its suburbs before leaving at 1520 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1230	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1400 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1630	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the South before leaving at 0715 hours on 2 April 2016 over Rumaysh.
2 April 2016	0820	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South before leaving at 1200 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1115	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South before leaving at 0500 hours on 3 April 2016 over Kafr Killa.
4 April 2016	1030	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1220 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
6 April 2016	1100	Four Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1255 hours over the sea west of Naqurah.
	1520	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 2115 hours over Rumaysh.
7 April 2016	1100	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1245 hours over the west of Naqurah.
	1350	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek, Hirmil and the South before leaving at 2350 hours over Rumaysh.
8 April 2016	0640	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the Shuf, the Western Bekaa, the South, Jubayl, Batrun, Riyaq and Baalbek before leaving at 1330 hours over Kafr Killa.
11 April 2016	1100	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Aytarun. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1230 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1200	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1900 hours over Rumaysh.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
13 April 2016	1220	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Aytarun. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1425 hours over the west of Naqurah.
	2100	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea west of Naqurah. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 2220 hours over the sea off Naqurah.
13 April 2016	2105	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 2220 hours over the sea off Naqurah.
15 April 2016	1400	An Israeli enemy crop sprayer violated Lebanese airspace. It circled over Udaysah, Markaba and Hula before leaving at 1430 hours in the direction of occupied territory.
17 April 2016	1020	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Aytarun. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1200 hours over the sea west of Naqurah.
19 April 2016	1200	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1840 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1356	An Israeli enemy aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It circled over the Bayad position from east to west, where it violated the Blue Line near Blida. It circled over olive groves in Blida before leaving at 1357 hours over point BP-29.
20 April 2016	0900	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Iqlim al-Kharrub and the South before leaving at 1335 hours over Kafr Killa.
	2235	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the South and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 0535 hours on 21 April 2016 over Alma al-Sha'b.
21 April 2016	1155	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 2355 hours over Naqurah.
	1200	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the occupied Shab'a Farms. It circled over Riyaq and Baalbek before leaving at 1705 hours over Rumaysh.
	2220	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the Shuf and Iqlim al-Kharrub before leaving at 0100 hours on 22 April 2016 over Alma al-Sha'b.

Date	Time	Nature of violation
22 April 2016	0615	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al Sha'b. It circled over Riyaq and Baalbek before leaving at 1800 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1000	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South before leaving at 1830 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
23 April 2016	0635	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq and Baalbek before leaving at 2045 hours over Kafr Killa.
24 April 2016	1010	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the South before leaving at 1710 over Naqurah.
25 April 2016	0610	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Beirut, Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1940 hours over Naqurah.
	1230	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over Zahlah and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 1410 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1235	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Yarun. It circled over Jubayl, Kasrawan and Matn before leaving at 1435 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
26 April 2016	0620	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and the South before leaving at 2100 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1200	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They proceeded as far north as Beirut before leaving at 1215 hours over Rumaysh.
28 April 2016	0905	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the occupied Shab'a Farms. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and the North before leaving at 1520 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1100	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1255 hours over the sea off Naqurah.
29 April 2016	1025	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the occupied Shab'a Farms. It circled over the Western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 1505 hours over Naqurah.